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STENOGRAPHER WINS CASE.

Jury Finds That Fredericksburg Millionaire Violated Contract.

Richmond (Special).—Miss Nellie R. Hinds, the Philadelphia stenographer who is suing William Waller Sen, the Fredericksburg millionaire, for breach of contract, was awarded a verdict in the sum of $2,475 by a jury in the United States District Court.

The jury could not agree at first, and coming back into court for further instructions was informed by Judge Edmund Waddill, presiding, that they should find for Miss Hinds if upon the ground that Walden had not lived up to his contract with the young woman.

Miss Hinds, who was in possession of a lucrative stenographic business in Philadelphia, was persuaded by Walden to come to Virginia in the capacity of a stenographer and amanuensis to him. He entered into a contract with the young woman to pay her $150 a month for life, promising at the same time to make a codicil in his will bequeathing to her the sum of $5,000 as compensation for the loss of her Philadelphia business. After seving him for some time Miss Hinds was summarily discharged.

WILLIAM N. WILMER DEAD.

He Was Owner Of Estate Adjoining President's.

Charlottesville (Special).—William N. Wilmer, aged fifty-two years, of the law firm of Cranfield & Wilmer, New York, died as the result of a tumor of the liver, at his Virginia estate, "Flain Dealing," adjoining President Roosevelt's hunting lodge, "Pine Knot," in Southern Albemarle.

He was the son of the late Bishop Wilmer, of Louisiana, and was educated at the University of Virginia. He is survived by his brother, Joseph Wilmer, of Rapidan, and a sister, Mrs. Edward C. Venable, of Petersburg.

Mr. Wilmer was a member of the New York City board of education and chairman of the executive committee of the Normal College. President Roosevelt property at Pine Knot was purchased of Mr. Wilmer, and he had entertained President Roosevelt and family on several occasions at "Plain Dealing."

Following a brief funeral service held at Christ Episcopal Church, near "Plain Dealing," the body will be brought to Charlottesville and sent on the night train to Baltimore for interment beside his parents and a brother.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Moonshiners Confess To Killing Woman.

Lynchburg (Special).—In the United States District Court a final disposition was made of the three remaining cases of the moonshiners, arrested by Federal officers on a charge of conspiring and killing Mrs. Patrick County, last March. Pitch Rakes, George Booth, and Gene Martin pleaded guilty of participation in the murder and their sentences were fixed, the former at six years in the penitentiary and the two latter at one year each. Grover Beamer was last week found guilty of murder in the second degree in the case and sentenced to seven years. William E. Rakes was given fifteen years on the same charge.

A nephew of Anna Hall, the murdered woman, was supposed to have informed government officers regarding illicit distilling by the defendants, and they, in order to get Hall, it is alleged, went at night to the home of Anna Hall, his aunt, where they thought he was concealed, and fired several shots into the house, one of which killed her. Her nephew escaped and the five defendants were captured six weeks later.

B. & O. Gives Up Fight.

Strasburg (Special).—The Baltimore and Ohio Railway trains will be operated from Strasburg Junction into Strasburg tomorrow morning, in accordance with orders of the State corporation commission.

A certificate was issued to the corporation of Strasburg and the Baltimore and Ohio had been granted for a number of years relative to running the trains into the town in accordance with the original charter. The trains had been operated only to the junction where the Southern tracks reverted to that point. In 1894 when the Baltimore and Ohio gave up the town to the latter between Strasburg Junction and Harrisonburg.

Confesses Stealing $1,000.

Fredericksburg (Special).—Three months ago a box containing $1,000 in money and stamps was stolen from the Mrs. Hinds was summarily discharged. Herring Grant Vaughn, a negro, confessed that it was stolen by him and his two brothers. The money has not been recovered.

Bolles Resigns From Exposition.

Norfolk (Special).—Stephens W. Bolles, chief of division of exploitation at the Jamestown Exposition, tendered his resignation to take effect November 1. He returns to St. Louis, having accepted a position there with an advertising company.

Boiler At Sawmill Explodes.

Fredericksburg (Special).—W. W. Mick's sawmill, in Spottsylvania blew up last night. The men had left for dinner. Had it occurred ten minutes earlier the mill crew probably would have been killed.

Body Washed Ashore.

Norfolk (Special).—The body of an unidentified man, supposed to be one of the three who were drowned from the barge Saxon, which stranded near Cape Hatteras, was washed ashore at Beach.

Boy Killed Boarding Street Car.

Norfolk (Special).—Charlie Cohen, a high-school boy, fifteen years old, son of Louis Cohen, a merchant, was run over and killed by a street car in front of the school building. The student tried to board the car without stopping it, and was jerked beneath the wheels.

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New York City is making a marvelous growth in the direction of cheap amusements. There are now 400 one-cent, five-cent and dime places of entertainment, where there was not one 10 years ago.

AVENGES HIS DAUGHTER.

Father Shoots Married Man Accused By Girl.

Bristol (Special).—W. K. Stout, a well-known farmer of Sullivan County, residing eight miles north of Bluff City, emptied the contents of a double-barreled shotgun in the breast of William L. Jones, a married man, thirty-five years old, who he alleges was intimate with Stout's daughter. There is no hope for Jones recovery.

Learning the story of her relations with Jones from the lips of his eighteen-year-old daughter, Stout procured a shotgun and went in search of Jones. The two met just as Jones was leaving his mother's home, and without warning Stout leveled the gun and fired both barrels, leaving his victim lying on the ground unconscious.

It is said that Jones denies having improper relations whatever with the girl, but the father declares he betrayed his daughter and he does not regret his action. The girl is in Jones's power to secure concealment. She followed her father almost a mile before he left home before the shooting, begging him to spare Jones' life, but he refused.

VETERAN BURNS TO DEATH

Skeleton Found In Ruins Of His Store.

Charlottesville (Special). — Capt. C. W. Taylor, sixty-eight years of age and a Union veteran, was burned to death in his store, about two miles northeast of Proffit, this county. The building which was only one story, burned in a few minutes, and on one of the ruins by the score or more people returned by the blaze revealed the charred remains of the aged man. Under the skeleton there was little left to indicate the human body.

It is supposed that Taylor upset a lamp in his sleeping room, and, being old and feeble and alone, he perished before he could raise an outcry. The body was found lying in the doorway leading from the sleeping room to the store room. There were no indications of foul play.

Taylor was without relatives in Virginia, as far as is known, though somewhere in the North two nieces, named May and Alice Taylor, aged twenty-two and nineteen, respectively, survive him. These young women visited the old soldier at intervals and were with him for a short time last summer. Taylor had been a resident of this section for about twelve years.

FOOT GUARDS IN COLLISION.

Several Connecticut Soldiers Injured In Accident.

Lynchburg (Special).—The special automobile train on the Norfolk and Western, which was conveying the Governor's Foot Guards, Company C, of Hartford, Conn. from Roanoke to the Jamestown Exposition, was wrecked in England, at interlocking and disorderly conduct, said she had been married on her birthday. Her mother was 98.

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THIS AND THAT

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The News

Domestic

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The suit brought by the State of Missouri to oust the Standard Oil Company from doing business in that state will come up in the Supreme Court at Jefferson City next Friday.

Cousins of the late David B. Crouse, of New York, will attack the right of Dorothea Edgarita Crouse McVickar, who claims to be his daughter, to $4,000,000 of his estate.

The clearing house has come to the relief of the Mercantile National Bank and forced the Heinze, Moore and Thomas interests out of clearing house banks.

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Pleased at the Success of His Trip.

HOW HE KILLED HIS BEAR.

Fear of Alligators Could Not Keep Him From His Daily Swim in the Lake—He Hugs His Bear and G—s One a Twenty-dollar Bill.

Stamboul, La. (Special).—"We got 3 bears, 6 deers, 1 wild turkey, 12 squirels, 1 duck, 1 opossum and 1 wildcat. We are then all in except the wildcat, and there were times when we almost felt as if we could eat it."

This was President Roosevelt's summary of the results of his hunt on Bayou Tensas and Bear Lake. He arrived at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence of Leo Shields, where he will be a guest until he departs for Vicksburg.

The President was seated on a gallop, and, accompanied as he was by about a dozen hunting companions, all mounted and attired in hunting garb, the cavalcade presented a fableau as picturesque as it was animated.

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Then he added, interjected one of the Metcalf brothers, who has been a constant companion throughout the hunt, "that we hunted a country of vast extent, in which there were but five bears all told."

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The President stood on the lawn in front of Mr. Shield's house, the center of a group containing Mr. Shields and a number of guests. In the distance were gathered the negro hunters, cooks, teamsters and messengers, while the horses stood in the yard and the dogs lay around their feet. Everybody bodies, the result of long chases and contact with wild hogs, wild cats and other wild things.

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DAY OF SENSATIONS

Three Failures Follow The Crash in Heinze.

New York (Special).—Sensations followed each other in rapid succession in the financial district Thursday as the result of the collapse of the projected corner in United Copper and the resignations of Heinze, Morse and Thomas from all connection with the Mercantile National Bank and the directorate of the Amalgamated Copper Company, at the request of Standard Oil interests.

Other members of the party soon followed their example, and the rejoiced over his success that he had killed seven bears, Secretary Ennolds said:

"Mr. President, you are no tenderfoot."

The President responded by giving Ennolds a $20 note. Saturday was also lucky hunting, because the dogs encountered a drove of wild hogs, which are more ferocious than bears, and the President killed one.

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GETTING ON A WAR FOOTING

Activity in Both Land and Sea Services.

Washington (Special). — Preparation for a hostile emergency in the Pacific is occupying the time and attention of the military and naval authorities to such an extent that all other work has been suspended in some branches of the two services. The war fever is spreading through the personnel of the Army and the Navy. Many officers are now aware of the circumstances which led to the decision to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific, and with their eyes opened in that respect they are watching the trend of events with absorbing interest. The idea that war is coming is apparently firmly fixed in the minds of some of those having superior means of obtaining information as to the government's attitude. Others, while deprecating the talk of war and inclined to the belief that there will be no conflict, contend, however, that the preparations now under way are justified by the situation as they understand it, and commend President Roosevelt for his firm and patriotic attitude foreshgit on his part.

Under orders from the Navy Department, the entire working force at the Norfolk navy yard, which is being employed in making ready the vessels of the battleship fleet for its so-called practice cruise to the Pacific. Every class of labor that can be utilized is being put on the list in condition for its long voyage has been put on full time, and extra duties at the yards and put to work on the ships. Machinists and the Signal Corps are devoting themselves assistance to arrangements for the intallation of electric fire control apparatus in the ships in the control apparatus in the ships in the detriment of other projects, but the work is being pushed as fast as understood to have come directly from President Roosevelt, are imperative.

Rush Work On Defenses.

Under equally imperative directions new fire control systems are being installed on the battleships which will go to the Pacific. The torpedo company of the Army Artillery Corps has been sent to Subig Bay to chart and mine that important body of the waters and engage in torpedo practice. Army rifles of 6, 10 and 12 inch calibers and field mortars are being sent to Subig Bay as soon as they are completed. The transportation of the entire force will be accomplished with significant dispatch. Contracts have been let for 50,000 tons of coal to be delivered at the Philippines.

There are other things that indicate that the Army and Navy are getting ready for war. Although comparatively little is leaking that such is the purpose of the activity, there is no question in connection with these additional particulars that the recruiting for the Navy is being largely stimulated by the fact that the Army and Navy on a basis of equality with the ability of its present resources, the significance of the evidence is lacking that such is the purpose of the activity. Activity in connection with these additional particulars that the recruiting for the Navy is being largely stimulated by the fact that the Army and Navy on a basis of equality with the ability of its present resources, the significance of the evidence is lacking that such is the purpose of the activity. Activity in connection with these additional particulars that the recruiting for the Navy is being

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WIRELESS TELEGRAPH HISTORY.

1842—Professor Morse signaled across Susquehanna River without metallic connection by means of wires stretched along the banks.

1864—Clark Maxwell defined ether waves to the Royal Society, deducing wireless telegraphy possible by means of electro-magnetic diversion.

1885—Sir William Preece, of London, signaled between parallel telegraph wires four and a half miles apart.

1892—Sir William Preece established communication between Flatholm and Lavernock, three and a third miles apart.

1897—Marconi introduced the high wire system and signaled from Lavernock to Brean Down.

1901—Marconi signaled letter "S" from Poldhu to Newfoundland.

1902—Actual wireless communication established between Cape Breton and Cornwall.

Glace Bay, N. S. (Special).—The inauguration of a regular transatlantic wireless service was accomplished by William Marconi and his assistants Thursday. Mr. Marconi stated that more than 5000 words had been transmitted between the station at Fort Morelo, six miles from here, and the Irish coast.

Invitations to a large number of guests were issued for 2 o'clock P. M., but the world-wide interest in the undertaking attracted a flood of messages in the early morning and the service was opened shortly after daylight. Among those present at the opening of the new service were representatives of a score of British and American newspapers.

Mr. Marconi was satisfied with the result," said Mr. Marconi. "A great many papers have wired me for a personal statement of the accomplishment and how I have been working for for several years, but I am too busy to dictate anything. You can say, however, that everything has worked splendidly; we are going to operate a limited service for a time, but we have already handled a great deal of work and a good deal of press messages having been exchanged with the other side of the Atlantic."

Regular Business Service.

"You cannot call it an inaugural or opening, for this is only opening two years ago, when telegraphs were established between the President and the King. We have, therefore, addressed anything to crowned heads, but we are now ready to receive the regular business between Europe and America, and the public patient is ready to accept and the awakening occurs as soon as the electrodes are withdrawn.

The sensations after the operation are quite agreeable. The mind appears to work more quickly and more rapid, and there is a sense of increased physical power.

This last circumstance led Professor Ledue to use his brain electricity in cases of insanity, and even ordinary fatigue and most depressed cases with wonderful results.

Incidentally the scientist asserts that the application in a certain manner of his special current will electrocute a criminal in the most painless manner, gentle sleep being followed by gradual but certain death.—N. Y. Herald.

Wireless Money Lending.

One of the most interesting types on the American track is the professional gambler. Betting on horse racing is absolutely forbidden, and so the entire transaction must be conducted sub rosa, but if a person who is "on" goes broke, and he has some articles of value, the pawnbroker will be glad to easy for him to realize money on it.

The gambler is a remarkably well dressed person who sits in the grandstand with the rest of the crowd, and as soon as the race is over he makes the habitues of the track. A man who has been betting on a certain horse will get touches my lips. You have not—

"With a pitiful cry she put her hands to her face, and for a moment, as—the thought of a girl, or rather of one who had been a girl the day before.

Around him were many evidences of wealth. The gambler's diamond hood he had all the cares and comforts of a splendid and well ordered house. He had a beautiful wife and had little taste for society; he had traveled all he cared to; he had grown weary of plays, and at fifty, still as vigorous as he had been at thirty, he preferred to spend his leisure moments in his library.

"Yes," he said to himself, still looking at the picture, "if her mother could be as she was twenty-five years ago they might be twins."

He drew a long sigh. Twenty-five years ago her mother had said no to him and married a man who was fifty-five.

"I was poor then," Vinton mused, "and he was rich. Now I'm rich and he—well, I suppose I am. He's dead. And they are poor, and she's to still ready to give—not her soul this time, but her cheque. Her money."

The letter that lay on the desk was from her. It was the first she had written to him since their parting. She had at least been loyal to the man she had chosen. Why, as asked himself, had she sent him the picture of the man she had left for him?

Why had she not sent her own? Her letter, coming at any time after the beginning of her widowhood and the loss of her fortune, meant but one thing.

When he entered his library the next morning he threw a cloth over the picture of the fair-faced girl.

"I'll go back to the wedding, her mother and Vinton sat alone together.

"You are going to be very happy after all," she said.

"Yes," he answered—"after all. My glad old dream is to come true—after all. You are good to let it happen so; but I shall have only what is mine—after all, you know. The years I have lost can never be given back; they are gone forever. Still, I gladly give them for the joy that is returned to me. Only those who have been robbed as I have been robbed and who have won their treasures back can know the gladness that comes with the returning of what is their own. Only they who have been loved and lost can know how deep and how dark is the valley which love has come to call me out of. Forgive me for saying those things to you."

"I understand perfectly, Vinton. It is my present joy that makes me look back with pity for my hopeless thing I was down there in the darkness where it was so lonely and so cold. I have waited so long. I have denied so long, that I am intoxicated by the new sun before it has time to step